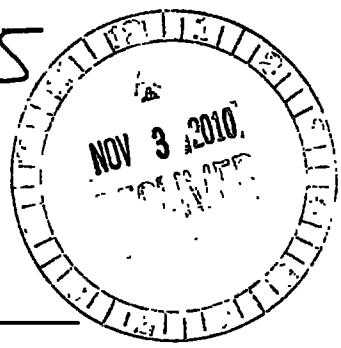


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**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 659X)

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC. – ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION –
IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD**

**EIGHTEEN THIRTY GROUP, LLC – PETITION FOR EXEMPTION
FROM THE PROVISIONS OF 49 U.S.C. §10904(f)(4)(A)**

COMMENTS OF JAMES RIFFIN

ENTERED
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1. Notice is hereby given that James Riffin (“Riffin”), intends to participate as a party of record in this proceeding. Please direct all matters pertaining to this proceeding to: James Riffin; 1941 Greenspring Drive; Timonium, MD 21093. Telephone No.: (443) 414-6210

2. On October 19, 2010, Eighteen Thirty Group, LLC, (“1830”), filed an Individual Exemption (“**Exemption**”) asking the Surface Transportation Board (“Board”) to exempt the transfer of the Line of railroad that was the subject of AB-55 (Sub. No. 659X) from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(A), which provisions prohibit the transfer of a line of railroad acquired via the Offer of Financial Assistance (“OFA”) procedures to any entity other than the railroad the line was acquired from, for a period of 5 years from the date the line was acquired.

3. Riffin objects to the Exemption for the following reasons:

4. Riffin incorporates by reference, the Comments Riffin filed in FD No. 35438, including Riffin’s November 2, 2010 Affidavit.

5. There is no need to expedite this proceeding. 1830, in its other filings, makes a number of misrepresentations, which are likely to result in the Board rejecting those filings.

6. WHEREFORE, Riffin would ask that the Board:

- A. Not expedite this proceeding;
- B. Deny the proceeding as moot, once the Board rejects 1830's other pleadings;
- C. Or in the alternative, not restrict transfer of the Line only to 1830. (Authorize transfer of the Line to any entity that receives authority to acquire the Line.)
- D. And for such other relief as would be appropriate.

Respectfully,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 3rd Day of November, 2010, a copy of the foregoing Comments of James Riffin were mailed via first class mail, postage prepaid, to: John Heffner, Ste 200, 1750 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006 (202) 296-3333; and was hand delivered or mailed to the U.S. Trustee, 2nd Floor, 101 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, MD 21201; to Duncan Smith, 10706 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030; and to Mark Friedman, DLA Piper, 6225 Smith Ave, Baltimore, MD 21209.



James Riffin